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1. The former leader of the Bulgarian Liberal Party and former Minister of Justice, Dimitar Verbanov, is now living in utter wretchedness in an attic in Pleven. His apartment in Sofia and his other properties have all been seized by the Communist Government.
2. At sixty, he is now living with his family, practically interned, on the attic floor of a collapsing wood house in Pleven, the main floor of which is occupied by another poor family.
3. Verbanov cannot get work. He is dressed in clothes whose raggedness can hardly be imagined. Last year, his wife was able to work for a few weeks in a canning factory, but as soon as the employers learned who she was, she was driven out. The elder son is now half-crazed. The younger son, now seventeen, was able to get work in the sandpits along the river. Thanks to this work, so long as he had it, he was able to help his family, but now he has fallen ill. After that, the former Minister of Justice frankly took to begging.

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